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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF MARIA SUSANA PANERO (109/77/9)

1. FOREIGN OFFICE HUMAN RIGHTS WORKING GROUP (FOWG) INFORMED EMBASSY AT NOON TODAY THAT PRESIDENTIAL RIGHT OF OPTION ADVISORY COUNCIL HAD RECOMMENDED THAT MARIA SUSANA PANERO BE GRANTED THE RIGHT OF OPTION TO LEAVE ARGENTINA FOR THE UNITED STATES. THE FOWG OFFICER, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR US CASE WORK, STATED FLATLY THAT ALTHOUGH THE DECREE HAD NOT AS YET BEEN SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT, THE DECISION TO RELEASE PANERO HAD BEEN TAKEN AND THE DELAY IN THE GOA ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD ONLY BE DUE TO THE PAPERWORK INVOLVED.

2. CONSULAR OFFICER HAS NOTIFIED PANERO FAMILY HERE OF FOWGS REPORT, CAUTIONING FAMILY THAT RIGHT OF OPTION DECREE IS NOT AS YET FINAL.

3. WE EXPECT THAT ONCE DECREE IS ISSUED, THERE WILL BE A DELAY AS THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES MUST ISSUE AN ARGENTINE PASSPORT FOR SUBJECT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. HER ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES, OF COURSE, WILL BE EFFECTED WITH HER US PASSPORT WHICH IS BEING HELD

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BY HER PARENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS CASE CLOSELY AND EXPEDITE PANERO'S ONWARD TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES.

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